

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2933 - SB 3491

February 27, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines “vexatious litigant” and authorizes a defendant to move the court for an order requiring the plaintiff to furnish security at any time until final judgment is entered. Requires clerks of court to provide the Judicial Council a copy of any orders requiring a person to obtain pre-filing leave in order to file new litigation. Requires the Judicial Council to maintain a public record list of vexatious litigants and to annually distribute the list to the clerks of court.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

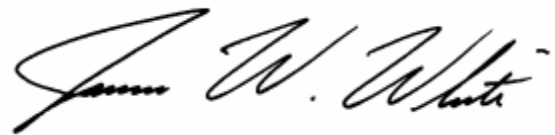
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Motions seeking to have plaintiffs declared vexatious litigants could increase the amount of time matters are pending in court, which might create additional pending caseload. Many of these matters will be pre-litigated to determine whether a plaintiff has a reasonable chance of recovery through litigation. Any additional cost can be accommodated within existing judicial resources for the courts or the Judicial Council.
- Any additional cost to local governments is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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